

## The Intelligencer.

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THE WEEKLY INTELLIGENCER, ready to-day, contains the fullest, most graphic and most accurate account of the great cyclone which cut wide a swath of destruction in Eastern Ohio. The paper may be had in wrappers for mailing for five cents a copy.

Mr. PARNELL puts the London Times to the proof. It seems that the Times is out of joint.

PITTSBURGH is to introduce the cable grip system for her street railways. It costs about \$50,000 a mile, but it pays in the end.

If you don't understand the new base ball rules that is not the fault of the man who made them. Go to the ant, then slugs.

Perhaps somebody will send the London Times a photograph of Mr. Gladstone in the act of investigating the Phoenix Park murders.

MASSACHUSETTS legislators cannot expect to be rated high when they sell their votes for a hundred dollars apiece. Is Massachusetts playing out?

THERE are two or more sides to most questions, and the statesmen who have reached the Permanent Seat are promptly putting themselves in battle array.

CALIFORNIA objects to being made to pay as high as \$100 per cent. increase on some classes of freight. Isn't California a rich as well as a great and growing State?

A CONNECTICUT man wants damages from a newspaper that sported with his bad grammar. Thus the sphere of a free free press is being steadily restricted.

CHICAGO is going to see whether she can do as well with the bootleggers as with the anarchists. Chicago has shown a remarkable ability to take care of herself.

GENERAL LAWTON, whom the Senate rejected as Minister to Russia, and who now has the Austrian mission in his pocket, ventures the opinion that the President has wisely handled that Austrian matter. You tickle me and I'll praise you.

GOVERNOR WILSON was obliged to call the Legislature together and bring the State machinery to a dead halt. Nevertheless he may have reason to regret the hard necessity which compelled the step. There is no telling what the boys may do before they go home.

THE PROSECUTION paintings from Cincinnati sold at auction in New York for \$170,000. Six of them brought \$20,000. A Rousseau landscape 20x21 inches, brought the highest price, \$21,000. The splendid works are scattered, but the Commercial Gazette finds consolation in the thought that Mr. Proctor's art taste is vindicated. That is something.

DURING the campaign of 1884 the Democratic and Mugwump newspapers were hard at work blackening Mr. S. B. E. King with the fraud of the Maxwell land grant. Mr. Ekin's connection with that case was that of an attorney. But no matter. The Supreme Court of the United States has decided that no fraud was attempted, therefore none was consummated. This ought to eliminate the Maxwell grant as a political issue.

Dr. Mr. Camden's friends are determined to try the extra session beyond the second Tuesday, we really can't see why Republicans should aid and abet them. The people want the Legislature to fire and hit back as soon as possible. In the meantime, if the Democrats can elect a Senator let them do it. It would be equally a tactical blunder to obstruct that interesting proceeding.

Wm. Bernhardt left New York yesterday bound by valuable autograph albums, sent to her for her signature, disappeared with her. At least they have not been returned to their disconsolate owners. Among the loved and lost was Major Pond's celebrated album containing names in all the known characters from the copy-right of Tumbstone to the inartistic scribble of the Chicago. Sara's forgetfulness is held responsible.

GEO. SHERMAN has some views on the subject of garbling letters. To pick a paragraph here and another there, he thinks, is bad as forgery. General Sherman is right, but there are people professing to be altogether honest who do not hesitate to dismember a letter for no other purpose than to make it say something which the writer did not intend.

It is surprising to see what use of private letters men are willing to make who regard themselves as honest. They will give to the world letters intended for no eyes but their own, letters written under the sacred seal of confidence expressed or implied, letters written in the freedom of good fellowship, letters that stab to the heart; they will gloss over the pain they have caused and think it all no wrong. It is not strange that a prudent man will rather talk all day in public than write five lines in confidence.

Will Not Be Requested.

CHICAGO, April 19.—No formal reception will be tendered by the Union League Club to Mr. Blaine on his arrival here tomorrow. No preparations have been made to receive him and his entourage will be much of the same order as that which marks the ingress of any ordinary citizen. In the absence of General George Smith, President of the Union League Club, one of the members said: "Mr. Blaine is simply traveling for pleasure. It is likely there will be a dinner of some kind, but no arrangements will be made to receive him. Mr. Blaine is expected to arrive in Chicago tomorrow morning. His health is improving."

First Ballot in Florida Legislature. TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 19.—The Democratic caucus adopted the two-thirds rule. It requires fifteen to nominate. In the first ballot to-day in the Legislature the Democrats by caucus arranged to elect for various candidates to represent the Democratic party in the coming election. The caucus was held in the morning and the Democrats by caucus arranged to elect for various candidates to represent the Democratic party in the coming election. The caucus was held in the morning and the Democrats by caucus arranged to elect for various candidates to represent the Democratic party in the coming election.

## THE GRIND BEGINS.

AT THE PERMANENT SEAT TO-DAY.

Nearly all the Members on Hand or Accounted For.—The Probability of an Attempt to Bailot for a Senator.—Mr. J. N. Camden Arrives on the Scene.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., April 19.—The members of the two houses, the clerks and other officers and pages are all present or accounted for to-night and the lobby of the Hotel Ruffner is crowded with those who are waiting for the opening of the session. There is a notable absence of lobbyists and the wood-bee attaches are also conspicuous by their absence.

The Legislature convenes at noon tomorrow. Of course no business but the reading of the Governor's message will be transacted the first day. The talk of reorganization is hush. Nothing is more definitely settled than that the old organization holds good.

A proposition will be made to proceed to ballot for Senator on Thursday, but opinions are about equally divided as to whether an election if effected under such circumstances would be legal. The disposition of the Camden supporters is to drag on until the second Tuesday and then ballot. Mr. Camden arrived to-night with about a hundred members. His friends claim accessions to his strength, but this is nearly at the stage where the boys are a bull.

Senator Scott is named as a recruit. Senator Scott and Delegate Joe Woods have not arrived. The other Ohio county men are here.

The political raised by lawyers of standing that the session which begins tomorrow is not an extraordinary session within the meaning of the constitution, but merely a special session and that the Legislature can consider and act upon any legislation regardless of the Governor's call. The position is made light of by Governor Wilson.

W. S. F.

## JEFFERSON DEMOCRACY.

A Correspondent's Objections to Statements Recently Made.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR:—The statements of your Washington correspondent concerning the political methods of certain Democratic officials in Jefferson county, published in the INTELLIGENCER of Thursday last, are so at variance with the true facts of the case that I ask space in your liberal journal to correct some of them. Your correspondent was not in this county during the late election, hence his information is second hand. Read between the lines and the article shows from what source it emanated. It is but the breathing voice of a gang of Democratic federal office-holders, who instead of hiring a government mule to kick the beams of their trousers for being so silly as to attempt to overthrow the Democratic party of Jefferson county by combining with the Republicans, are seeking this method of throwing mud on the only true and reliable Democrats in the county. As for bulldozing, ring money and whisky the boot is on the other foot, and the Democratic party about our county know that these are the peculiar methods used at Harper's Ferry and Shepherdstown, the hot beds of "rule or ruin" Democracy, and the town where nearly all so-called Democrats have in a heap gone over to the Republican party, and yet in 1885 you will find these same disinterested patriots (?) apologizing for their recent conduct and trying to get back into the party. But this last feat of theirs has failed. They are broke, and the camel's back. They are bolters of the most pronounced type.

Harper's Ferry and Shepherdstown bolted the party nomination in 1880, 1882-83 and in 1886 came near causing the defeat of John W. Wilson, and why? Simply because he could not supply them with all offices. Take the vote of Harper's Ferry, if you please, as a sample. W. L. Wilson, at the election in 1861 at that place, received 12 votes, and in 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 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